

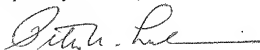
Remarks

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowability of claims 18 through 20, 22, 27 and 28. Pursuant to such indication, claims 1 through 15 have been cancelled and the claims indicated as being allowable have been rewritten as new claims 30 through 42. For guidance in consideration of the newly submitted claims, Applicants would comment as follows.

Cancelled claim 18 has been rewritten as new claim 30 which incorporates the limitations of cancelled claim 15. New claims 31 and 32 corresponding to cancelled claims 16 and 17 are dependent on new claim 30. Cancelled claim 19 has been rewritten as new claim 33, incorporating the limitations of cancelled claim 15. New claim 34 corresponds to cancelled claim 20 and is dependent on new claim 33. Cancelled claim 27 has been rewritten as new claim 35, incorporating the limitations of cancelled claim 21. New claims 36 through 40 and 42 corresponding to cancelled claims 22 through 26 and 29, respectively, are dependent on new claim 35. Cancelled claim 28 has been rewritten as new claim 41 incorporating all of the limitations of cancelled claim 21.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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